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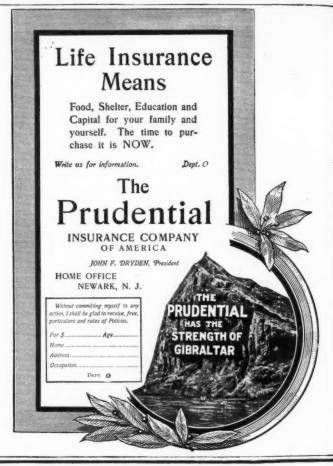
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A PHANTASY.

THE BRIDGE AT MIDNIGHT.

Our Personal Column.

IGNOR MARCONI was requested at the next test of wireless telegraphy to endeavor to send across the Atlantic one of Alfred Austin's poems, but he refused, on the ground that the experiment might render the ether wholly useless as a future medium.

> The alarming decrease in the number of women and children in South Africa is filling Lord Kitchener with alarm. He fears that his job may not, after all, be a permanent one.

Mr. W. D. Howells is writing his recollections of his reminiscences.

Irving Bacheller is having his photograph cut up into sections, and it will be printed in the Bookman during the next twelve months in monthly installments. This opens up a new field. Literary papers please copy.

Andrew Carnegie has already exceeded his income for the present year, setting a bad example. Go slow, Andrew, and don't encroach on your principal.

It is said that Joseph Chamberlain will pay a visit to South Africa. He will wear two full suits of Harveyized armor for the occasion and be surrounded every minute of the time with an entire brigade of the best English fighting blood. Mr. Chamberlain values his life highly and is naturally timid, due to a long course of parliamentary speeches.

Elihu Root is thinking of getting a bee. If he gets a good one now, it ought to buzz some by the next campaign.

Dr. S. Weir Mitchell is not writing a book.

Chauncey Depew is learning to talk to himself, not for publication. This is a monumental task, Chauncey, but don't despair. Cato learned Greek at eighty.

Though Richard Croker has retired, there is no prospect of his settling up.

Hetty Green is thinking of moving her winter quarters from Hoboken nearer the Pennsylvania coal mines, the freight rates are so high.



PREPARED FOR THE WORST.

Miss Ellen M. Stone, who is spending the winter with friends in Bulgaria, will begin a course of lectures in the spring. The subject will be "New ways of raising money for missions."



"While there is Life there's Hope."

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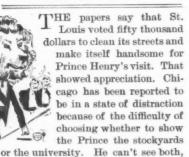
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because his time is so short. The feeling that he can see universities at home but not Chicago stockyards seems rational. New York our German guest has seen at about its worst, clogged with snow, seamed and gutted with open ditches, dishevelled, disembowelled, and incomplete. But at least it has been hospitable, and certainly there could be no better place to study the processes by which American cities are made. When New York is finished, it will be an extraordinarily fine city, with more and better facilities for leaving town than exist anywhere else in the world. When Prince Henry sees it again on his return from the West it may be a little seemlier, but at best it seems likely to impress him as it has impressed President Eliot, as a monstrous town and altogether unlovely. Well: New York is humble just now. What it asks most anxiously of visitors is not to be killed on these premises. If our imperial guest will only avoid falling into the subway, being smashed up in the tunnel, run over by an automobile, being blown up by dynamite and

stifled in a hotel fire, he can think anything he likes about our city.





GOVERNOR ODELL has had his way about the New York State lunatic asylums. The Legislature has passed the bill he wanted, and he has signed it. It abolishes the local boards that have managed the State hospitals and puts half a dozen big institutions in charge of a paid Commission. Local boards of visitation are provided for as a check on the Commission's power. There was never much debate on this bill in the Legislature, the Governor apparently considering that there was no use of talking about the thing until it was done, but in approving and signing the bill he added a memorandum, wherein he went pretty deep into the matter and stated the reasons for his opinions. It would be hard to read this memorandum without concluding that the Governor at least believes he has done a good thing, advantageous to the taxpayer and not detrimental to the insane. He may be mistaken, but here's advising that no insane person withdraw his patronage from the New York State asylums until the Governor's plan has had a fair trial.





THE President has refused Admiral Schley's appeal for a rehearing of his celebrated case, but hardly with fervor enough to add much to the Admiral's present popularity. In response to the Admiral's petition he has made a long report, in which he touches on most of the matters in dispute and gives his views about them. His conclusion is that neither Schley nor Sampson had much to do with the battle off Santiago; that it was a captains' fight; that Schley's loop was a mistake, but that otherwise Schley's conduct in the fight was good: that full justice has been done him for his share in the fight, and that as to his conduct preceding the battle settlement was indulgently made by President McKinley, and there is no reason why that settlement should not stand. Finally, the President declares the whole controversy to be closed. He has not authority to declare it a misdemeanor to reopen it, or to prescribe due penalty of fine and imprisonment for so doing, but we all wish he had.







GOVERNOR TAFT complains that the difficulty of pacifying the Filipinos is greatly aggravated by the incorrigible propensity of the Americans at home to discuss the job. In the Philippines there is a treason law borrowed from Spain, which provides prompt and ample penalties for persons who criticise American rule, or plan to abate it, or advocate its withdrawal. That checks open talk in Manila, but not in the United States, and what is said and printed here about the future prospects of the Filipinos gets speedily divulged in the Philippines and makes the Filipinos more restless than ever. Governor Taft wishes we would all hold our tongues, and that the Filipinos would do as they were told for awhile, and go it blind, without perpetually wanting to know how and where they are coming out. Poor gentleman! His wishes are not unreasonable, but there seems about as much prospect of realizing them as of abolishing pie. We would rather talk than eat, and the Filipinos would rather fight than eat. As long as the Filipinos fight the Americans will talk, even though their clatter promotes hostilities. It is averred that in the Straits Settlements. where a few score of Englishmen are credited with a wonderful work of civilization and administration among mixed lots of Malays, the work was all accomplished while nobody was looking. It took twenty-five years, but there was little or no expense, few soldiers, hardly any fighting, very little publicity, and great results. But that was a case of a job that was done rightly, by men who knew how, under a Government that was suited to such jobs. Whereas our undertaking in the Philippines seems an effort of the unskilled to do the impossible in a



The Twentieth Century Primer.

THE AUTHOR.

WHAT can that Man be doing? He stands upon a Platform, and every one is Looking at Him. Is he Reading? Yes, He is Reading Aloud. He is an Author. Is it a Good Thing to Read aloud? It is if you can get enough Women to Listen at One dollar per. Look at the Author now. He has stopped Reading and is Receiving Congratulations. How Proud he is. Isn't it nice to be an Author? When there is Money in it.

THE KITCHEN.

Here we have a Kitchen. How funny the Kitchen looks. There are pots and Pans everywhere. The Kitchen looks as if it had been struck by a Cyclone. And who is There in the Kitchen? Surely it is not the Cook. Oh, no. The Cook has just left. She heard there was Company coming. This is Why she Went. The Person you see so Busy is the Lady of the House. She is About to Cook the Dinner. Will she have it Ready when the Company comes? Let us hope so.

THE CIRCUS.

A Circus is Coming. Hear the Music. See the Elephants and the Camels. And the Beautiful Lady in the Chariot. Look at the Folks running to the Windows. Here comes the President of the Bank. Here are the Congressman and the Clergyman and the gray-bearded Lawyer. Are

they Ashamed? No, they have forgotten to be. At Present they are too Busy looking at the Circus.

THE AUDIENCE.

Here we have an Audience. The Audience is Busily Engaged in looking at a Play. How the Audience laughs and Applauds. On the Stage are a lot of Painted Things with a great scarcity of Clothes, and a Funny Man who is Saying Witty Things. That is, they seem Witty to the Audience. This is What Makes a Successful Play. Legs and the Woman. Isn't it Nice that this is all the Audience Requires? Perhaps, however, they would like Something better if they Could Get It. Who knows?

THE PIE.

Hello, Here is a Piece of Pie! How Good it Looks. Its Crust is Hard and Firm. It has Sugar sprinkled over it. It is full of Hard Green Apples, half cooked. Here comes a Man. Will the Man eat the pie? He is a thin, Nervous Man, and Does not weigh more than Ninety pounds. His Face is Hard and Drawn. Yes, We are sure He will eat the Pie.

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This severe-looking Person is a Temperance Reformer. She never Smiles. She hates Rum in any Form. She would not drink a Cocktail if she Could. She thinks it is Wrong for Anyone else not to Believe as She does. Would you like to be a Temperance Reformer? Perhaps you would if you could make Money enough by Lecturing.

T. M.

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Old Age.

E find that not only has the bacillus of old age been identified and isolated, but the serum for its destruction is now matter of exact formula.

This serum is composed of prussic acid and cyanide of potassium, tinctured with a decoction of the livers of guinea-pigs six months dead with hydrophobia. The last-

named element is what gives the true scientific flavor to the formula.

Experiments with three persons, respectively fifteen, twenty-five and thirty-five years of age, proved wholly successful. Within twenty minutes after the administration of the serum, the patients invariably ceased to grow old.

AUDREY, Mary Johnston's new novel, is a romance of eighteenth century Virginia. It is charmingly written, and the undercurrent of sadness which pervades it is unusually well controlled. Although hardly likely to equal To Have and to Hold in popularity, it easily exceeds it in merit. (Houghton, Mifflin and Company. \$1.50.)

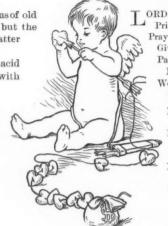
Poor Henry of Navarre has been dragged once more before the literary footlights by Test Dalton in The Role of the Unconquered, a historical romance of the poorer type. The action of the little drama is somewhat jerky, and one is kept uncomfortably conscious of the scene-shifters. (G. W. Dillingham Company. \$1.50.)

The Debatable Land, by Arthur Colton, is a simple story of Civil War times used as a vehicle for the expression of the author's rather interesting views upon life and character. Its style is rugged and, whether affected or natural, quite personal to Mr. Colton, and hence utterly at variance with the remarkably homogeneous style of modern English fiction. The book is the final number of Harper's American novel series. (Har per and Brothers, \$1.50.)

John Kendrick Bangs has been buttonholed by the shade of the late Baron Munchausen for a long series of interviews. They appear in Mr. Munchausen, an Account of Some of His Recent Adventures. A little of the Baron is diverting, but, candidly, he is not what he used to be. Both he and Foxy Grandpa are showing their age. (Noyes, Platt and Company, Boston. \$1.50.)

A most interesting commentary up on modern Germany, her methods, institutions and leaders, is contained in Seen in Germany, by Ray Stannard Baker. It is a book that cannot be read without profit. The illustrations are by George Varian. (McClure, Phillips and Company. \$2.(0.)

The Story of a Child, Pierre Loti's beautiful and delicate tracing of his own mental and personal development, is one of the books that defies translation, Caroline F. Smith has done excellent work with it, but only the letter remains-the spirit has vanished. (C. C. Birchard and Company.)



It speaks highly for A. F. Slade's ability to draw character that it can lend interest to the threadbare plot and transparent makeshifts of his story, Annie Deane, a Wayside Weed. Even so, the book is hardly worth while. (Brentano's.)

J. B. Kerfoot.

The Destiny of Doris. By Julius Chambers. An illustrated guidebook-like description of the Mediterranean countries with a love story intruded. (Continental Publishing Company. \$1 50.) How to Attract and Hold an Audience. By J.

OTHER BOOKS RECEIVED.

Ballade of Love's Worth.

ORDLY lovers of yesterday, Prince or peasant, poet or peer, Pray you, speak from your beds of clay, Give us tidings of grief or cheer: Pagan,-Puritan,-cavalier,-By lips you kissed, by eyes you knew, We, the living, are fain to hear-What did your loving profit you?

> Lovely ladies, or grave, or gay, You who lived in a yesteryear, Princess and marquise, maiden, say; You who of old held love most dear: Now that your eyes at last are clear. Now the pain and the pleasure through, We, the living, would fain give ear-What did your loving profit you?

Is it a losing game we play? Weigh in the balance hope and fear, Joy we buy with the price we pay; Count it well for us, smile and tear; How to you does the score appear? Oh, dead lovers whose words are true, Now that wisdom hath drawn you near -What did your loving profit you?

L'ENVOI.

Prince, what matter the yea or nay? While we question we turn to sue-Turn unheeding, the while we What did your loving profit you? Theodosia Garrison.





PROFESSIONAL JEALOUSY.

The Comedian; I THOUGHT YOU AND MISS POSER WERE TO BE MARRIED THIS WEEK. IS IT

The Heavy: GAD, SIR! SHE ACTUALLY WANTS HER NAME TO APPEAR BEFORE MINE IN THE WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT.

Place aux Dames.

THE little band of women who have petitioned the President for gentler treatment on the docks have earnest sympathizers throughout the Republic. For the past few years the peine forte et dure of the Custom House has been growing more and more unbearable, until a return to one's native land is not unlike a disembarkation on the shores of the Styx, with Cerberus guarding the boat, and the Furies waiting

sociably in the background. Insult and injury are the portion of the home-coming traveler, and the insult hurts more than the injury. It is bad to have one's possessions strewn in the dirt; it is worse to be treated like a liar and a thief. It is bad to pay taxes on a trunkful of old clothes; it is worse to endure rude and offensive familiarity.

There was a woman who had a fur - or what purported to be a fur-cape. It was a prehistoric garment, bearing the scars "BOUND COLOBADO." of long and honorable service. The woman

valued the cape because it kept her warm on deck. She was not proud, or she would have frozen to an iceberg rather than wear it. Somebody said to the woman that she must have the cape registered before she left home, or it would be taxed on its return. She

was a law-abiding person, so she sought and found, after prolonged search, the registry office. A supercilious young man east one glance of scorn at the thing she

offered for inspection. "That's not even real sealskin," he said. "It isn't worth registering!"

The woman felt pained, but she had what slender comfort lay in having done her duty. She sailed for Europe, and she sailed for home, wrapped in the cape's dilapidated An enterprising inspector discovered it, and asked, with visible irony, if it were new.

The woman explained.

"Registered?" asked the inspector.

The woman explained again.

Now the peculiar humor of the Custom House lies in intimating to all women that they lie. Therefore the inspector said, "You don't suppose I'll take your word for that, do you?" and sent for an appraiser. The appraiser was annoyed when he saw the fur cape. He remarked severely-not to the inspector who had summoned him, but to the woman who hadn't, "That thing is not seal. It is worth nothing. What do you want to show it to me for?" and went away in a very bad humor at the poverty of the woman's belongings.

The woman was not happy. She seemed to think she had not been treated politely. But then she was

a strenuously truthful person, with a limited sense of the ridiculous. She failed to see the fun of the situation. Agnes Repplier.



"COLORADO; COLORADO CLARO; COLORADO MADURO."

The Glory of Britain.

Written in commemoration of the recent capture, by the British, of a laager wherein were six men and a hundred and fifty women acting as coubous.

WINDS of the world, give answer, and shout of the glory of these,

Who have scattered the might of Britain's arm across the seven seas; For who can sneer at their courage and who revile them, when They have gobbled up eightscore women and a half a dozen men?

What matters it if four hundred Boers carried Majuba Hill, Or a hundred and fifty thousand men are chasing a remnant still? Did not a corps, in scorn of the Boer, capture a cattle-pen With a hundred and fifty women and a half a dozen men?

Now, what to us is the fearful price that staggers humanity,
Since the glory of Britain's arm's upheld for all the world to see?
While the Light Brigade is cast in the shade by the brave exploit
of those

Who stormed the pen like chivalrous men, in the face of their feminine foes.

Marwin Willite.

Letters of Henry to His Brother.

SOME MARCONI MESSAGES CAPTURED, EDITED AND OTHER-WISE EXPURGATED FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL CONCORD.

POULTNEY BIGELOW, M.A., F.R.G.S.

Author of "History of the German Struggle for Liberty," etc., etc.

MEIN LIEBER WILHELM:—No, meiner bester Bruder, I shall not be homesick in New York.—I have been looking over the list of people who are to receive me—I find plenty of comfort there—just listen to this music, Guggenheim, Strauss.

The Mayor is a German—or at least a Dutchman—and that is alles eins—all the same—it will be all the same in a few years. His name is Lowe, or Loewe—the distinction is merely academic. New York used to be an Irish city—now, like Shantung, it is within the German sphere. The predecessor of Loewe was also a DUTCHMAN or GERMAN, at least in name (WYCKOFF, I believe). I could not discover how far he was Germanic by birth, but I know he hated England and took the right view of the BOER war!

Nothing has been omitted to make my stay pleasant. There had been an English Boss in New York called Croker—a sort of Polizei President—he was not a friend of ours, yet pretended to be a friend of the Boers—well, my friend Loewe has expelled him from New York for the whole term of my visit—I know I shall like Loewe. May I take him the Order of the Red Eagle, Vierter Klasse?

ROSENVELT is also one of us—einer von Uns—a schneidiger Kerl, I hear—I get conflicting accounts of him. We don't seem to have anything just like it here—er ist so etwas ganz apartes—he seems to be a lawyer by trade, a writer by choice, a politician by profession, a ranchman by way of recreation, and President by predestination. Er ist ein Herrscher von Gottes Gnaden—he is like you,

mein lieber Bruder—he is a strange act of God. I hear that when the Spanish war broke out he was at a desk in Washington connected with the Navy—a sort of Unterstaats secretaer in Ministerium fuer Marine Angelegenheiten. At one bound and with a piercing yell—mit einem Sprung—he leaped to the head of the whole United States Army, stormed the Spanish breastworks, kept the officers and men of the Regulars from wavering, and, in short, accomplished by inspiration what our officers and men attain only after a life of experience in the field.

Dieser Roosevelt ist ein Mordskerl—ein Bluecher—ein Napoleon! I shall enquire more particularly into this. Do you remember an American Military attaché in Berlin called Evans? He told me that the great generals of the Civil war were graduates of a military school called West Point—a sort of Kriegs Schulle and Lichterfelde combined. I guess Evans was bragging—Americans are awful braggards—haben Gottloses Maul! Evans said that only because he graduated at West Point! No graduate of West Point seems to have been employed in the Spanish war—I am told that the heroes of that war are named Shaffer, Alger, Corbin, Miles, Egan—the rest are newspaper correspondents. None of these graduated at West Point—which proves conclusively that military education is a drawback to warlike character in America.

Gott sei Dank Rosenfeld is now President—that will save me much travel—when I shall have seen him I shall have seen all there is worth seeing of the American army! We have nothing like him at home. He organized a regiment of Journalists (Grossartiger Gedanke!)—called them Rough Writers! That is what they call over there American humor! You must try something of the same kind. More in my next. Your loving Heinrich.



Emperor William; I MEANT NO HARM TO YOU AT MANILA.

" SAMOA.
" VENEZUELA.

Sonnet to the Tower of London.

O MIGHTY TOWER, how many years gone by

Since first great Cæsar started on thy walls!

How many bones within thy dungeons lie, A mute and unseen record of thy brawls! And could thy stones but have the power of speech

What bloody tales of pain and death they'd tell!

Of kings and queens and princes would they teach,

Who suffered all the tortures of a Hell.

Think on the souls, unstained by any crime, That underneath grim Traitors' Gate have passed!

Think on them! doomed to serve unending

Until, O joyful death! they slept at last.
Endure, O Tower! In after years thy fame
Shall be a clot of blood on England's name.
"Awania."

Life's Anecdote Contest.

N OTICE TO CONTESTANTS: Announcement of the prize winners will be made in a few weeks. The number of anecdotes received has necessarily caused some delay.

NUMBER 42.

Mr. Lowell was the guest, during his stay at Birmingham, of Mr. Wilson King. Mahaffy, of Dublin, was also my guest at the time," writes Mr. King, "and the two 'took to' each other at once, and I never heard so much good talk in four days before or since. Mahaffy went off in the morning, and when, somewhat later. I was driving Mr. Lowell to the station, he put his hand on my knee and said. 'I think, on the whole, that is the most delightful fellow I ever met, and I wish you'd tell him I said so.' Of course it was pleasant for me to have such testimony to the success of my party. When I told Mahaffy, his characteristic reply was, 'Poor Lowell, never to have met an Irishman before."" Letters of James Russell Lowell, vol. II., page 281. Harper and Brothers, 1894.

NUMBER 43.

In 1844, while Florida was still a Territory, a man who had been a Judge in one of its circuits, canvassed one of the Senatorial districts as a candidate for the Territorial Senate, and was cheered by the promise of a little Frenchman, living in one of the counties in the district, to do "all he could" for him. Not a solitary vote, however, was cast for the Judge in that county, and he seized the first opportunity thereafter to tax the Frenchman with false promises.

"Sar," said the Frenchman, very much offended, "I tell you no lie; I travel over dis country three, four, five day, and I say to every man, 'Vil you vote for my friend, ze Judge?' and he say, 'No, I vil be durned if I do."

"But," said the Judge, "you did not even vote for me yourself!"

"No. Judge: when I come back. I shut myself

A GAME OF PING PONG.

up in mine own room, and I 'lectioneer myself two day—but I no git my own consent to vote for you." —From *The Funny Side of Politics*. By George S. Hitton. G. W. Dillingham Company, 1899.

NUMBER 44.

Alexander Moncrieff, of Culfargie, one of the four founders of the Secession Church, and ancestor of Colonel Moncrieff, the inventor of the "Moncrieff System of Artillery," was on one occasion remarking on the tendency to wander during prayer, when his beadle assured him that he was quite free from such a weakness. "Well, John," said Culfargie, "you shall have the best horse in my stable, if, after family worship this morning, you can honestly assure me that your thoughts did not go astray." When the worthy minister rose from his knees, he said to the beadle, "Now, what have you to say?" "Indeed, sir," he replied, "I thought of nothing but my devotions till the very end of your prayer, when I began to wonder whether you would give me the saddle along with the horse !"-A Budget of Anecdotes. Published by Wm. Blackwood and Sons. Edinburgh and London, 1887.

NUMBER 45.

A certain part of Australia was recently suffering from a long-protracted drought. A day for prayer for rain was appointed and held, and, as it happened, the rain came on on the following morning. A remote quarter of the same colony was at the same time being visited by a superabundance of moisture. A worthy Magistrate of the district, on hearing what was going on at C——, and fancying that the rain in his own neighborhood was sensibly increasing, in haste des-

patched the following telegram to the authorities at C—: "Stop praying now, or we will be flooded in five hours."—Social Circle of Anecdote. Brentano's (no date).

NUMBER 46.

It was before an Irish Trisl Justice. The plaintiff's attorney had made an eloquent and logical argument. Then the defendant's counsel took the floor.

"What are you doing?" asked the Justice, as the lawyer began.

"Going to present our side of the case."

"I don't want to hear both sides argued. It has a thidincy to confuse the Coort."—Wit and Humor Bench and Bar. T. H. Flood and Company, Chicago, 1899.

Congratulations.

LARA: Half the time he says he doesn't know whether I love him or not, about one-quarter he hopes that I do, and the rest he thinks I may, and

in addition he is nearly always utterly miserable.

MAUD: Well, I'm glad you're making such a success of the affair.

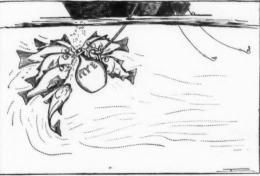
A Great Success.

THE MEDICAL EXPERT: I'm sure your baby shows what our modern methods will do. Did you follow my directions?

MOTHER: Oh, yes, First I skimmed the milk, and added two parts of hygienic water and two parts of your celebrated modifier. Then I carefully sterilized the whole.

" And then?"

"I threw it out of the window and gave the baby the cream."



"AND THE FISHERMEN WONDERED WHY THEY DIDN'T GET A BITE!



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The Question of Unjustified Stellarism.



he-rides in a street-car or walks. Every actor knows he should be a star. There is no real harm in his knowing it, if it does not interfere with his doing everything in his power to fit himself for stellar honors, and if only he defers becoming a star in the bill-board sense until other persons, and a good many of them, share his knowledge of his own abilities. Two very important things the would-be star and his financial backers should make sure of-experience and fitness. The failures the public sees most often are young persons who might be fitted for stardom by experience, but who have not that necessary asset. Mary Andersons are not born every minute, and there be those who say that a few years of preliminary training would not have spoiled the crude art of "Our Mary."

Of the other kind-those who have experience, but who by natural qualifications are not fitted for the eminence of the star-we have fewer examples. The Syndicate has a way of manufacturing stars out of actors who have gained a certain cheap vogue, but this is a mere trick of bill-boards and press-agents, of dollars and fooling a gullible public, which public, by the way, is becoming acquainted with the trick and is not so willing as formerly to believe an actor a star simply because the advertisements and free advance notices say that he is. The real verdict in this matter rests with the critics, not only with honest and thoughtful professional critics, but with those experienced theatre-goers who make up their minds for themselves and are not led into judgment by the hysterical applause and admiration of the matinée girl, nor by the cheerful idiot who voices his opinion during the progress of the play.

THERE is nothing in the work of Herbert Kelcey and Effie Shannon, jointly or severally, to entitle them to the position of stars. They were both fairly competent members of the Lyceum stock company. Even there they did not achieve such successes as to warrant them in the belief that they were qualified to shine above their fellows. In certain dignified parts requiring neither great facility nor strong emotion, Mr. Kelcey was acceptable. He was a gentlemanly actor without much power of expression. Miss Shannon was agreeable in ingenue rôles, but even these were marred by personal peculiarities of manner and intonation. As they appear in "Her Lord and Master," Mr. Kelcey does not seem to have grown in temperament, and Miss Shannon does not seem to "HER LORD AND MASTER."



have overcome her faults or increased in power. To both of them, however, the years have been kind, and Miss Shannon is to-day quite as girlish as when she was at the Lyceum. The supporting cast in the play is competent, Mr. Morton Selten being especially effective as an English nobleman, with an admiration for the institutions of America, particularly its slang.

The play is by Miss Martha Morton, and is a modernized version of "The Taming of the Shrew," the Katharine being an American girl, and the Petruchio an English viscount. As a dramatic composition it has its entertaining moments, but it is not likely to drive Shakespeare's version of the story from the stage. Metcalfe.

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Academy of Music.-Oulda's "Under Two Flags," dramatized by Paul Potter. Spectacular and exciting.

-"The Climbers." Amusing play of New York society life.

Broadway.-"The Beauty and the Beast." As gorgeous and amusing as ever.

Criterion .- "Du Barry," with Mrs. Leslie Carter as the heroine. Impressive and interesting.

Daly's .- " Notre Dame." Notice later.

Empire.-Stock company in "The Twin Sister." Notice later.

Garrick .- Last week but one of Charles Hawtrey's long engagement in "A Message from Mars." Very interesting comedy with a moral.

Herald Square.-Lulu Glaser in the title rôle of "Dolly Varden." Amusing light opera well presented.

Knickerbocker .- "The Toreador." Comic opera of the conventional type. Lyceum.-Last weeks of this theatre and Annie Russell in "The Girl and the Judge." An excellent little play well performed.

Manhattan .- Mr. Herbert Kelcey and Miss Effie Shannon in "Her Lord and Master." See above.

Madison Square. - William Collier in "On the Quiet," Amusing nonsense.

Republic.-Henrietta Crosman in "As You Like It." Notice later.

Savoy .- "The Way of the World." Fairly amusing society play.

Victoria.-Primrose and Dockstader's negro minstrels.

Wallack's .- "A Gentleman of France." Strenuous dramatization of the novel. Good of its kind,

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JOHN SOMEWHAT DAZED, BUT STILL DETERMINED, DONCHERKNOW.

Life in New York.

OH, I lost a leg by trolley,
And a hand and arm eloped
In a head-to-head collision
When the trains were telescoped.

By a premature explosion

When I happened to be nigh,
I was shot across some houses

And came down without an eye,

In a hotel conflagration
All my hair was burned away,
And they found me 'mid the ruins
Bald as on my natal day.

Rendered somewhat slow of motion By these accidents, I failed To escape an automobile In the instant I was hailed;

And since then I've made my progress, After all these daring feats, In a carriage which a servant Pushes slowly thro' the streets.

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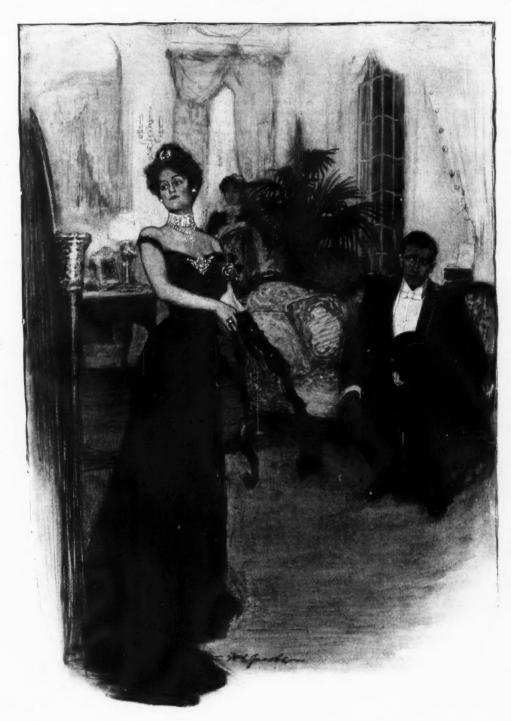
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T is sickening to think how Kitchener will be glorified in England when he shall have finished

his gruesome job in South Africa. But what is more sickening still is to think that he would be equally glorified here with us, were he ours, and had done a similar job in the Philippines.



ONE BY A NOSE.



She; how many men owe their success in life to their wives.
"Yes. And how many more men owe their wives to their success in life."



(PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH, of the Mormon Church, has decreed that all the employees of the Desert News, a Mormon paper in Salt Lake, must be married before the 30th of June next.)

We are thirty odd reporters of the Salt Lake Desert News, Solitary are our blessings, misogynic are our views, But, behold, the Law of Mormon on our calm horizon bobs And decrees we'll have to marry or resign our little jobs,

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- News-Letter.

ON THE 'GYPTIAN RAILWAY.

FIRST TOURIST: Isn't this lovely? Just think! Pharaoh lived here, and - and Cheops, and - and Moses! It makes your head swim, doesn't it?

SECOND TOURIST: I guess it's the bad air. It hurts my head, too. Is that the Nile over there?

"Mercy, I suppose so. Isn't it dirty? It doesn't seem as If Cleopatra could have rode in her barge to meet Marc Antony down that horrid stream, does it?"

"No, it doesn't. But that was a long time ago, wasn't it?" "I believe so. I've seen the play, but I don't remember just when it was."

"See that crocodile basking in the sun!"

"Is he basking? Oh, Maud, that reminds me. How are you going to have your new basque trimmed?"

Mercy, there's the Sphinx !"

"What's the Sphinx?"

"Why, it's a thing that asked you riddles, you know. Dear me, I'm not sure whether that's the Sphinx or one of the Pyramids. Just look at all those children! They must be going in swimming."

" No, dear, it's the effect of the mild climate."

"Look there! That must be the desert. But I can't see any caravans. Perhaps it isn't a desert. Maybe it's a mirage.

"What's a mirage, dear?"

"Oh, it's something they see in deserts. Everything is unside down, you know,

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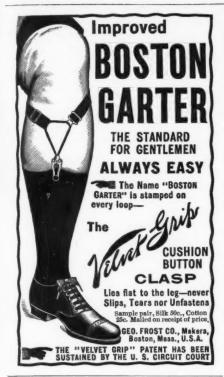
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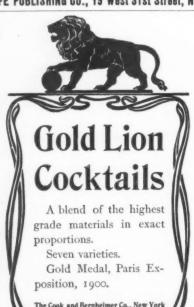


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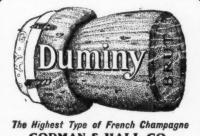
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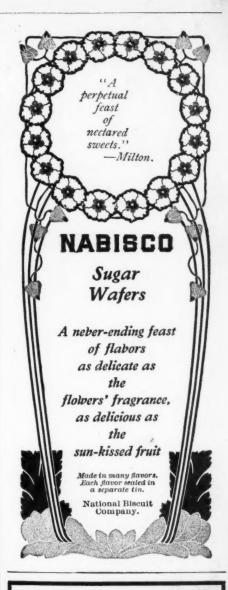
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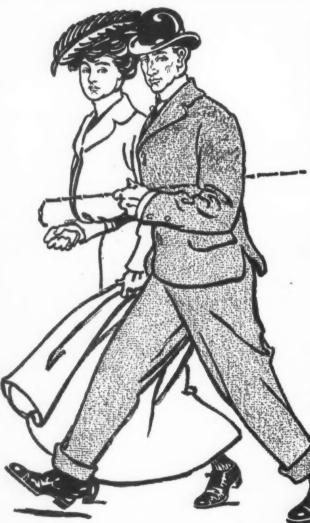
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